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SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" Menial staff అంటే ఏమిటంటే? ఈ " menial " అనే పదము అసభ్యంగా ఉన్నందున, దీని తీసివేస్తారా ? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" He can suggest names, Sir."

Retrenchment in the Police department.

* 397 Q.—SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether there are any proposals to effect retrenchment in the Police department, and if so, of what categories?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" 721 officers and 3,367 Constables have been retrenched, besides 81 others viz., clerks and the like. This does not include other minor items.

There are no proposals to effect any further retrenchment at present."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" ఇంతకుముందు Chief Minister గారు ఒక సమాధానం చెప్పుతూ Police constables కు quarters provide చేసే విషయంలో, constables strength gradual గా increase అవుతున్నట్లు చెప్పారు. ఇప్పుడు temporary constables strength ను retrench చేశాము అని చెప్పారు. ఈ రెండు statements ఏది correct అయిందిన్నీ దయయుంచి సెలవిస్తారా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We have retrenched at certain points, but the demand for increase of constables still continues on account of the activities of my friend and others." (Laughter.)

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Sir, is it a fact that a large number of Sub-Inspectors promoted from constables' rank are again reverted to the constables' rank, and if so, the reasons therefor? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" This is an old subject, Sir. The policy has now been amended in favour of these long-service acting Sub-Inspectors who belong to the cadre of Head constables, and as much provison as is possible with reference to the requirements of the State and the equipment of the people concerned, is being made."

SRI K. V. VEMA REDDY :—" In view of the prevailing lawlessness in the country as seen from the Police administration report, will the Government consider the feasibility of not effecting any retrenchment in the Police department in the interests of peace in the State? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" While the question supports my previous statement, I do not wish to accept altogether the proposal that we should go on increasing the Police. It is not always the number of constables that counts."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" Sir, may I know the number of persons belonging to the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes and backward communities affected on account of this retrenchment? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I presume the question is about the backward communities police constables. The retrenchment does not affect the community as such; but if the question is about the number of backward community police constables, who may have been retrenched, then I may say it is possible they may share these retrenchments in common with others."

Supply of electricity to Yellamanchili, Visakhapatnam district.

* 398 *Q.*—SRI P. BAPU NAIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the present stage of the Electricity Supply Scheme to Yellamanchili in Visakhapatnam District?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A revised scheme for extension of supply of electricity to Yellamanchili and other surrounding villages in Visakhapatnam District has recently been submitted to the Government and it is being considered."

SRI P. BAPU NAIDU :—" ఎన్నాళ్ళలో పని మొదలు పెడతారండి."

9-30 a.m. THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" It is being scrutinised in the Electricity Department."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Sir, the question is since how many days the matter is under consideration and within how many days we can expect the work to be started? ".

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, this kind of question is too frequent on the floor of the Legislative Assembly and it is difficult for me to answer such questions as 'how many days will it take; when was it started' and so on. I have stated that it is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I submit to the Chair, Sir, that the answer now given by the Hon. Minister for Public Works affects one of the privileges of this House. There is no use of the Hon. Minister getting irritated. He has got the papers in his hands; he knows when exactly it was investigated and at what stage the investigation is and so on. And, if hon. Members put questions he is simply saying that the matter is under investigation. Will you tell him, Sir, that it is not a satisfactory answer, when he can say from the papers in his hands in what time the work can me started. On the other hand, the Hon. Minister says, 'this kind of question is too frequent in this House'. It is a general aspersion he is making which we do not like. We want the Hon. Minister to apply his mind and kindly tell us when he expects the work to be started when he knows that it has been investigated. It is after all a simple question."